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SUBJ: FMS CREDIT FOR MALAYSIA

REF: (A) STATE 207796; (B) KL 5268

1. IN SEPT 4 MEETING I MADE APPROXIMATELY SAME PRESENTATION TO MINDEF SEC GEN SAMAD AS I HAD MADE AT FONMIN ON PREVIOUS DAY (REF B). KHOR ENG HEE AND DATT COL. EWAN ALSO PRESENT.

2. SAMAD WAS PLEASED WITH NEWS BUT DISAPPOINTED HE WOULD NOT HAVE CREDIT AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY TO USE FOR M-16 PURCHASE WHICH HE WISHED TO COMPLETE. HE MUSED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR 10,000 M-16'S WITH CASH BUT THAT MAYBE FMS CREDIT COULD BE USED FOR REMAINING 31,000 OF INITIAL PURCHASE. I TOLD HIM THAT WAS UP TO HIM AND COLT, AND ALSO POINTED OUT THAT RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE SHORTLY FORTHCOMING FROM WASHINGTON REGARDING PROCUREMENT OF GOM EQUIP LIST INCLUDING SUGGESTIONS AS TO FINANCING WHICH SHOULD PROVE USEFUL IN HIS PLANNING.

3. SAMAD THEN FELL TO SPECULATING HOW HE WOULD SPEND THE CREDIT, REMARKING AT CLOSE OF CONVERSATION THAT AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED, IT WAS THE M-16'S AND HELICOPTERS ("SIKORSKYS") THAT HAD ABSOLUTE PRIORITY. HE ALSO INDICATED HIS HOPE THAT THIS WOULD BE A

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CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP, WITH FMS BEING EXTENDED ON

REGULAR BASIS IN FUTURE YEARS. HE DID NOT SPECIFY
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